

US Fish and Wildlife Service Internship Opportunity



Location:	Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex
Position Title:	Amphibian and Reptile Biological Intern
Duties:	About 90% of the intern's time will be focused on amphibian and reptile projects, and wetland management including: (1) ongoing research and management for Blanding's Turtles and Northern Red-bellied Cooters which involves radio telemetry, trapping, nest monitoring, hatchling processing, and vegetation removal; (2) ongoing vernal pool monitoring, surveys, and research which includes egg mass counts and dip net surveys; (3) managing water levels in freshwater impoundments and monitoring/maintaining culverts at multiple sites. Additionally, this intern may be involved in other biological surveys and projects including: waterbird surveys; marshbird surveys; vegetation surveys; mapping, monitoring, and controlling invasive plant species; interacting with the public; entering data; maintaining facilities; and conducting routine office work.
Qualifications:	Requirements include: the ability to work with the public in a professional manner; the ability to work with minimal supervision and in a group; a valid driver's license; ability to hike long distances over rough terrain carrying 25 pounds; and enthusiasm. Past experience in radio telemetry, amphibian and reptile identification and monitoring, GPS and GIS use, and an academic background in wildlife or related fields are preferred.
Salary:	Stipend is on a sliding scale with a maximum rate of \$270/week depending on experience and government funding. Free dormitory style housing available nearby in Sudbury.
Employment Details:	The internship is for 6-8 months with a start date in mid-March or early April. The position requires flexible hours with some early morning, late evening and weekend work.
How to Apply:	Send interest letter including dates of availability, resume, and contact information for 3 references to: Stephanie_Koch@fws.gov
Closing Date:	January 15, 2014. Hiring WILL begin before the closing date so applying earlier is strongly recommended.
Contact:	Stephanie Koch 73 Weir Hill Road, Sudbury, MA 01776 978-443-4661 x24 Stephanie_Koch@fws.gov